

In re Appln. of Crites et al.  
Application No. 09/629,289

*REMARKS*

The Office Action and the references cited therein have been carefully considered. Claims 16-28 are pending, remain pending, and are at issue herein. Claims 1-15, 25-26, and 30-42 have been canceled. Claim 27 has been indicated as objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but otherwise allowable. Claim 27 has been amended to be in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 16-24 and 28-29 have been amended to depend from claim 27 and are also believed to be patentable.

The application is considered in good and proper form for allowance, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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